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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, New Zealand, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Samoa: draft resolution

Emergency assistance to Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/169 of 11 December 1987, 43/202 of 20 December 1988, 44/236 of 22 December 1989, 45/185 of 21 December 1990, 46/149 of 18 December 1991, 46/182 of 19 December 1991, 48/188 of 21 December 1993, 49/22 A of 2 December 1994 and 49/21 P of 18 September 1995,

Deeply distressed by the loos of life, the large number of afflicted people and the destruction wrought by hurricane Georges, which from 20 to 22 September 1998 devastated Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis,

Conscious of the efforts of the Governments and peoples of Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis to save lives and alleviate the sufferings of the victims of the hurricane,

Noting the enormous effort that will be required to alleviate the grave situation caused by this natural disaster,

Conscious also of the prompt response being made by Governments, the agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, international and regional agencies, non-governmental organizations and private individuals to provide relief,

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Recognizing that the magnitude of the disaster and its medium-term and long-term effects will require, as a complement to the efforts being made by the peoples and Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis, a demonstration of international solidarity and humanitarian concern to ensure broad multilateral cooperation in order to meet the immediate emergency situation in the affected areas, and to initiate the process of reconstruction,

1. *Expresses its solidarity and support* to the Governments and peoples of Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to all States of the international community, international agencies and non-governmental organizations that are providing emergency relief to the affected countries;

3. *Urges* all States of the international community, as a matter of urgency, to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected countries and to provide financing for the national and regional relief efforts undertaken by the affected countries with their own and pooled human resources;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the international financial institutions and bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, to assist the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis in identifying their medium-term and long-term needs and in mobilizing resources, as well as to help with the task of rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected countries undertaken by their respective Governments;

5. *Requests* the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to provide support and assistance in the strengthening of the disaster-preparedness and prevention capacities of the countries of the region;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on the collaborative effort referred to in paragraph 4 above and on the progress made with the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected countries.